



Docket No.: 0826.1895

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

the Application of:

Yujin YAMAZAKI et al.

Serial No. 10/665,346

Group Art Unit: 2872

Confirmation No. 7037

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Examiner: Audrey Chang

For: OPTICAL DEVICE

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 10, 2007.

The Office Action was made Final. Typically, in this situation, this Amendment would have been filed without an RCE. The applicant would then wait for an Advisory Action or a Notice of Allowance. If an Advisory Action was mailed, the applicant would then consider whether to file an RCE or an Appeal. However, under the new USPTO rules that take effect on November 1, 2007, and which were first published on August 21, 2007, no further RCEs would be allowed in this application after November 1, 2007. For this reason, it was decided to file an RCE with this Amendment before November 1, 2007. However, for at least the reasons described above with respect to the new USPTO rules, it is respectfully requested that any first Office Action after the RCE not be made final.

Moreover, before acting on this Amendment, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned Attorney Kravetz at (202) 434-1500 to arrange an Examiner Interview. It is respectfully submitted that an Examiner Interview may be helpful in removing issues for a possible, future appeal.

The following amendment and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.